

MARYLAND

Specific requirement to report sexual assault? No.

Requirement to report non-accidental or intentional injuries? No.

Requirement to report injuries caused by criminal conduct? No.

Additional statutes that may impact competent adult victims of sexual assault? It is mandatory to report gunshot wounds.

STATUTES ADDRESSING PAYMENT FOR EXAMINATIONS

MD Hum. Res. 07.06.07.05 Program Services.

A. The local program shall offer services that directly benefit the crime victim. These services may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Crisis intervention services that meet urgent emotional or physical needs of crime victims. Crisis intervention services may include the operation of a 24-hour hotline that provides counseling or referral for crime victims.

(2) Emergency services that:

(a) Provide temporary shelter for crime victims who cannot safely remain in their current lodgings;

(b) Offer measures such as repair of locks or boarding up of windows to prevent the immediate reburglarization of a home or an apartment; or

(c) Provide crime victims petty cash for meeting immediate needs related to transportation, food, shelter, and other necessities.

(3) Support services that include:

(a) Follow-up counseling for other than crisis reactions, reassurance and empathetic listening, and guidance for resolving practical problems created by the experience of victimization;

(b) Acting on the crime victim's behalf vis-a-vis other social services and criminal justice agencies;

(c) Assistance in obtaining the swift return of property being kept by police as evidence;

(d) Intervention, as appropriate, with landlords or employers; and

(e) Referral to other sources of assistance, as needed.

(4) Court-related services that assist crime victims in participating in criminal justice proceedings including transportation to court, child care, and accompaniment services.

(5) Payment of all reasonable costs for a forensic examination of a victim of sexual assault/abuse, to the extent that these costs are not otherwise reimbursed or paid by third parties. Funds may only be used to pay for those forensic examinations that conform to standards adopted by the State or meet the evidentiary requirements of the local prosecutor.

(6) Training for those individuals, salaried or volunteer staff, who provide direct services to crime

victims, which may include personnel employed by criminal justice, social services, mental health, or related agencies.

(7) Printing and distribution of brochures and similar announcements describing the direct services available and how to obtain a program's assistance, and similar public notification efforts intended to recruit volunteers.

B. The local program shall assist victims in seeking available crime victims' compensation benefits. This assistance may be achieved by identifying and notifying potential recipients of the compensation program and assisting them with the application forms and procedures.

C. The local program shall promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims within the community served.

REPORTING STATUTES WHICH MAY IMPACT RAPE VICTIMS

Md. HEALTH-GENERAL Code Ann. § 20-703. Gunshot

(a) Required. -- A physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse who treats an individual for an injury that was caused or shows evidence of having been caused by a gunshot of any type, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the injured individual, shall notify the county sheriff, the county police, or the Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable.

(b) Contents. -- A report of injury shall include:

(1) The injured individual's name and address, if known;

(2) A description of the injury; and

(3) Any other facts concerning the matter that might assist in detecting crime.

(c) Penalty. -- A person who fails to make a report required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$ 25.

HISTORY: An. Code 1957, art. 27, § 336A; 2002, ch. 26, § 4.